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**Community Profile  
Vacaville Unified School District  
Elementary School 2CD Site  
Vacaville, Solano County, California**

**September 2006**

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September 27, 2006

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The signatory has determined that this document contains the required elements for a Community Profile. This plan in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Toxic Substances Control 2001 Public Participation Policy and Procedures Manual for the Vacaville Unified School District, Vacaville, California.

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose of the Community Profile**

This Community Profile was prepared by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD). The purpose of this profile is to describe the community assess potential community concern during the DTSC investigation of environmental conditions of the proposed school site (Site). This document provided a basis for development of a Public Participation Plan, should further action be required.

### **1.2 DTSC Oversight Responsibilities**

The Community Profile is an extension of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) conducted by Padre Associates, Inc (PAI). The purpose of the PEA is to determine if there has been release or there is a potential release of a hazardous material, which could pose a health threat to children, staff, or community members. The PEA was conducted under the direction and oversight of the DTSC as directed by the Environmental Oversight Agreement between the VUSD and DTSC.

The results of the PEA and Site Investigation indicated that a removal action may be necessary to address the presence of organochlorine pesticides in soil. Once the lateral extent of organochlorine pesticides contamination is defined, PAI will prepare a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) as part of the removal action phase under DTSC guidance. Upon approval of the workplan and completion of the project, PAI will prepare a Removal Action Completion Report presenting the results of the RAW implementation.

This Community Profile will be used to further public participation activities associated with this removal action and future activities conducted at the Site.

### **1.3 Sources of Information for the Community Profile**

Community profiles are based on information from a variety of sources, including file reviews, site visits, discussions with VUSD representatives, demographic data, community member interviews and/or file information provided by the VUSD and DTSC. The community background is presented in Section 2 of this profile.

### **1.4 Organization of the Community Profile**

The Community Profile contains two sections: Introduction (Section 1) and Community Background (Section 2).

## **2.0 COMMUNITY BACKGROUND**

### **2.1 Site Location and Project Description**

The Site is bounded by McMurtry Lane and Browns Valley Road. The new school will consist of an approximately 50,000 square foot facility, including 24 K-6 or K-8 classrooms, 2 special education classrooms, small group instruction space, library, multi-purpose room, kitchen, and school offices. It will include hardcourt and field play areas. It will house approximately 650 students.

#### **2.1.1 Surrounding Property Land Use**

The Site is bordered to the north by pasture land; to the east by Browns Valley Road, beyond which are ranchettes, to the south by McMurtry Lane, beyond which is pasture land and a residence, and to the west by pasture land. The nearest sensitive receptors are these adjacent tenants.

#### **2.1.2 Historical Land Use and Site History**

Information reviewed by PAI during the preparation of the PEA indicated that the Site consists of two adjacent parcels totaling approximately 20.58-acres. Site 2C has been utilized as rural residential land since 1974. Approximately three-quarters of the property are planted with walnut trees. Site 2D has been utilized as rural residential since 1971. Approximately one-half of the property was planted with walnut trees until 1989. The structures on the site consists of residence, three storage sheds (2 metal, 1 wood), a well house, and a man-made seasonal fish pond.

## 2.2 Previous Assessments

This section summarizes pertinent data from previous assessments and investigations conducted for the Site. Table 2 below provides a chronological summary of assessments completed for the Site:

**Table 2: Previous Site Assessments and Investigations**

Date	Company	Site Investigations
February 2005	PAI	Preliminary Environmental Assessment
May 2006	PAI	Supplemental Site Investigation

The PEA and Supplemental Site Investigation identified the presence of organochlorine pesticides in surface soils around the perimeter of two residential buildings at the Site.

## 2.3 Agency Involvement

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25355.5 (a)(1)(C), the VUSD entered into an Environmental Oversight Agreement (EOA) with the DTSC to receive proper regulatory oversight and meet Education Code requirements for the construction of the Elementary School Site 2C/2D. The VUSD retained PAI to complete environmental investigations for the Site in accordance with a DTSC-approved Workplan. The purpose of the investigation is to establish whether a release or threatened release of hazardous substances posing a threat to human health or the environment exists at the Site.

Since the completion of the PEA report, API has taken additional soil samples to define the lateral extent of lead contamination. API will prepare a draft RAW as part of the removal action phase under DTSC guidance and pursuant to a School Cleanup Agreement. Upon approval of the workplan and completion of the project, PAI will prepare a Removal Action Completion Report presenting the results of the RAW implementation.

## 2.4 History of Community Involvement

Community members and residents have been informed of the environmental investigations at the Site through noticing in local papers, public hearings and comment periods, community interviews and/or neighborhood postings. Community involvement actions are described below.

### 2.4.1 Community Outreach

Pursuant to Education Code Section 17210.1(b), the VUSD distributed a **notification letter** to residences in the surrounding community at least five days prior to the commencement of the PEA fieldwork (Appendix A). The letter included information on the environmental investigation and the dates of fieldwork. Neighbors were instructed to contact the VUSD at that time with any questions or comments.

The **VUSD noticed a public hearing and comment period for the PEA report** in the *Reporter* on June 13, 2006 (Appendix A). Written comments on the PEA will be accepted from June 13, 2006 through July 14, 2006.

**A public hearing for the PEA report was held at the VUSD office located at 751 School Street, Vacaville, California on July 14, 2006.**

Additional public participation activities planned for this project include the following:

- A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Removal Action Workplan;
- A public notice placed in the local newspaper informing the public of the availability of the draft Removal Action Workplan and the 30-day public comment period; and
- A Fact Sheet, which briefly describes the project, mailed to occupants within a 0.25-mile radius of the Site and the DTSC Mandatory Mailing List.

### 2.4.2 Media Coverage

To date, there has been media coverage in the TheReporter.com.

## 2.5 Community Concerns and Issues

A community survey (Appendix B) was developed and distributed by the DTSC on August 8, 2006 to determine the level of community interest and/or concern with respect to the Site.

There were 326 community surveys mailed out and 10 community responses received which is a 3 percent response return. Per the responses the community has very low interest in the site cleanup, however, would like to be kept informed via a mailing of a fact sheet. Please see Appendix C for the community survey results.

## 2.6 Community Demographic Profile

### Area Demographic Characteristics

Demographic is provided by the 2005 Census Bureau via the United States Environmental Protection Agency database.

Total Population	4,080
Population Density in Sq Mi	2,419
Per Capita Income	\$ 29,505
Population Used for Poverty Calculations	4,056
Above Federal Poverty Line	3,984
Below Federal Poverty Line	72
Percent In Poverty	2%
Total White	3,288
Percent White	81%
White Nonhispanic	2,955
Percent White Nonhispanic	72%
Total Hispanic	551
Percent Total Hispanic	14%
Hispanic White	333
Percent Hispanic White	8%
Total Minority	1,125
Percent Minority	28%
Black	126
Percent Black	3%
Asian	220
Percent Asian	5%
American Indian	30
Percent American Indian	1%
Pacific	12
Percent Pacific	0%
Mixed	253
Percent Mixed	6%
Other	151
Percent Other	4%

## 2.7 Key Contact List

Key contacts for the project are presented below in Table 4:

**Table 4: Key Contacts**

Mr. David Van Kirk  
City Manager  
City of Vacaville  
650 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Mayor Len Augustine  
City of Vacaville  
650 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Ms. Laura Kuhn  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Vacaville  
650 Merchant Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Superintendent John Aycock  
Vacaville Unified School District  
751 School Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

**School Board:**

Ms. Katherine Brannon  
110 Navajo Court,  
Vacaville, CA 95688-2422

Pastor William Hausler  
130 Jennifer Lane  
Vacaville, CA 95687-5219

Mr. Michael Kitzes  
742 Bluebird Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95687

Mr. Larry Mazzuca  
306 Bridgeport Court  
Vacaville, CA 95687

Mrs. Theresa Nutt  
299 Shasta Drive, #6  
Vacaville, CA 95687-4966

Mrs. Mary Kay Sogge  
3945 Solar Hills Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Mr. Jay Yerkes  
137 Nighthawk Court  
Vacaville, CA 95688-1035

Ms. Valerie Rogers, Principal  
Browns Valley Elementary School  
333 Wrentham Drive  
Vacaville, Ca 95688-9290

PTA, Browns Valley School  
333 Wrentham Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95688

**Our State Legislators:**

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk  
State Capitol  
Room 6012  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Senator Michael Machado  
State Capitol  
Room 5066  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001  
(916) 651-4005

Congressman George Miller  
375 G. Street, Suite No. 1  
Vallejo, CA 94592



## **2.8 Information Repositories**

Information Repositories will be established at the following locations to deposit documents related to the environmental investigation and proposed site cleanup action for public review:

Vacaville Unified School District  
Superintendent John Aycock  
751 School Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Vacaville Library-Town Square  
1 Town Square  
Vacaville, CA 95688

DTSC  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95856  
Phone: (916) 255-3779

## **2.9 Recommended Public Participation**

Based on the DTSC's recommendation, the VUSD has identified Ms. Leigh Coop as the contact for this project, who will serve as liaison between the community and the VUSD on this project, and will be responsible for regular communications regarding developments. Ms. Coop's contact information is as follows:

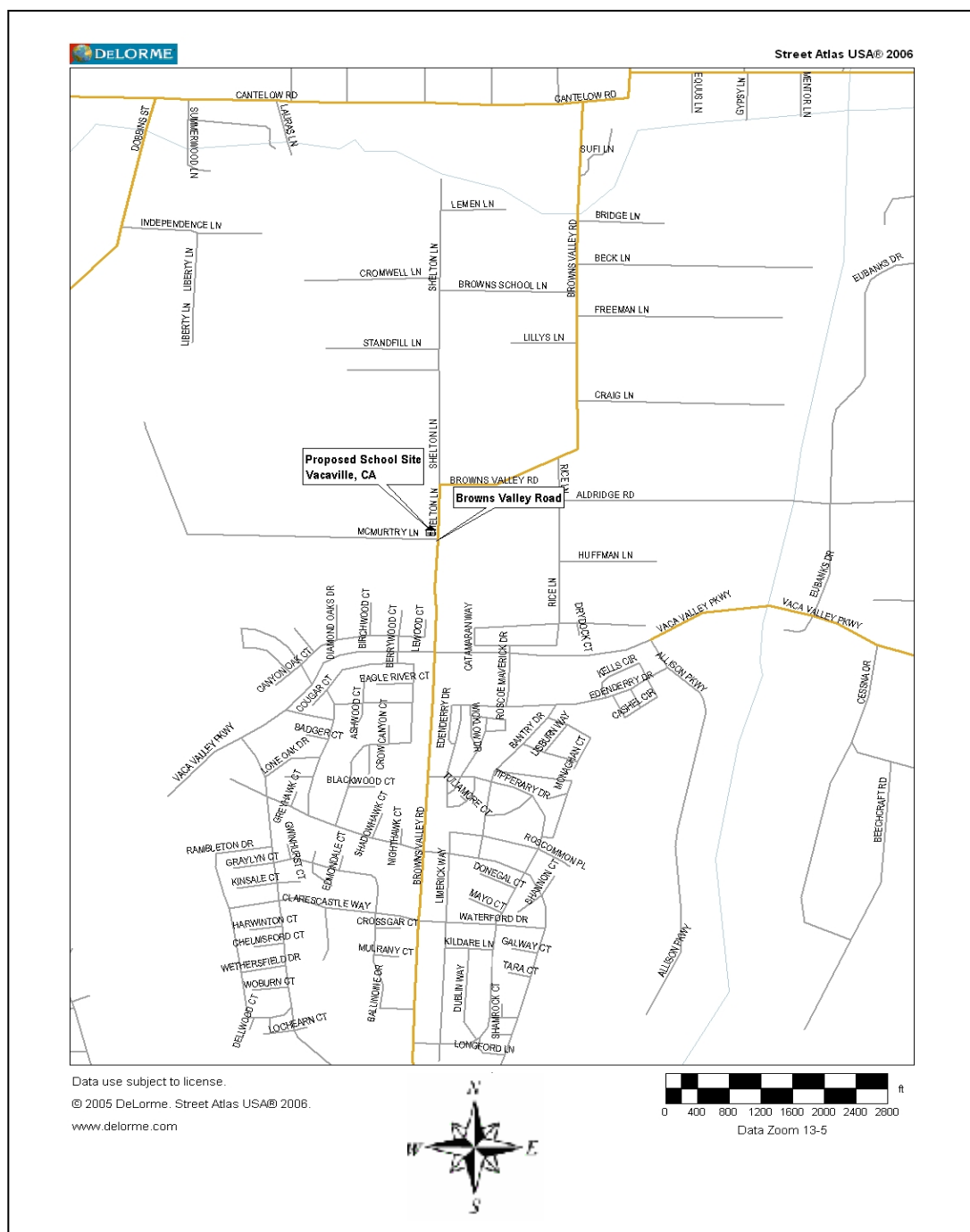
Ms. Leigh Coop, Director of Facilities  
Vacaville Unified School District  
751 School Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
Phone: (707) 453-6139

### **DTSC Contact for Public Participation Requirements:**

Ms. Kim Rhodes  
DTSC Public Participation Specialist  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826-3200  
Phone: (916) 255-3651  
email: [krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov)

## **FIGURES**

### FIGURE 1: Site Location Map



## **APPENDIX A**

# **Public Notification**

**Vacaville Unified School District**

751 School Street  
Vacaville, California 95688-3987



**Facilities Department**  
**Telephone (707) 453-6138; FAX (707) 453-7132**

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December 16, 2004

TO: Parents and Neighbors of Proposed Elementary School

FROM: Vacaville Unified School District

RE: Environmental Investigation at Proposed Elementary School

We would like to provide you with advance notice of an environmental investigation which will be conducted at the proposed elementary school, located at the northwest intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry Lane, Vacaville, Solano County, California. (Project Site). The investigation will be performed by a licensed contractor under the oversight of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The investigation will consist of the sampling of soils for any hazardous materials. Although an assessment will be conducted, this does not mean hazardous substances are located on this property. Recently enacted state laws now require that all proposed new school sites undergo a complete environmental review, and if necessary, a cleanup to protect students, faculty and staff who will occupy the school.

Field work is scheduled to begin on Monday December 16, 2004 and is expected to take approximately 3 days to complete. All field work will be conducted during normal business hours. It is not expected that any street closures will be necessary during the investigation.

The District will submit the results of this Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) as a draft to DTSC for review and approval of a final draft. The PEA will include an assessment of whether hazardous materials are present and, if so, whether the materials are present in concentrations that would require some type of cleanup before using the site for a school. If the District elects to proceed with school development, the District will hold a public hearing to discuss the investigation results, and will take public comment. All comments received in this process shall be forwarded to DTSC for consideration. When the public participation process is complete, DTSC will issue a final determination with regard to the PEA.

If you have any questions concerning the upcoming soil investigation or other activities at the proposed elementary school noted above, please contact Ms. Leigh Coop, Director of Facilities, Vacaville Unified School District, at (707) 453-6139 or [leighc@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:leighc@vacavilleusd.org).



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November 29, 2005

TO: Parents and Neighbors of Proposed Elementary School

FROM: Vacaville Unified School District

RE: Environmental Investigation at Proposed Elementary School

We would like to provide you with advance notice of an environmental investigation which will be conducted at the proposed elementary school, located at the northwest intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurty Lane, Vacaville, Solano County, California. (Project Site). The investigation will be performed by a licensed contractor under the oversight of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The investigation will consist of the sampling of shallow surface soils for residual pesticides around the foundations of the residential buildings.

Recently enacted state laws now require that all proposed new school sites undergo a complete environmental review, and if necessary, a cleanup to protect students, faculty and staff who will occupy the school.

Field work is scheduled to begin on Wednesday December 7, 2005 and is expected to take approximately 2 days to complete. All field work will be conducted during normal business hours. Street closures will not be necessary during the investigation.

The District will submit the results of the supplemental site investigation (SSI) to DTSC for review and approval. If the results of the SSI and associated risk assessment indicate that a removal action is necessary to protect public health and safety, then the information obtained during the SSI will be utilized in developing a remedial action work plan (RAW). The District will hold a public hearing to discuss the RAW, and will take public comment. All comments received in this process shall be forwarded to DTSC for consideration. When the public participation process is complete, DTSC will issue a final determination with regard to the RAW.

If you have any questions concerning the upcoming soil investigation or other activities at the proposed elementary school noted above, please contact Mr. Alan Klein, Padre Associates, Inc., at (916) 857-1601, Ext. 24 or [aklein@padreinc.com](mailto:aklein@padreinc.com).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

JUNE 13 – JULY 14, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 14, 2005

PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #2

VACAVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with the California Education Code, the Vacaville Unified School District is soliciting comments on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the proposed construction of a new elementary school located at the northwest intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry Lane in Vacaville, California. The new elementary school consists of two parcels totaling approximately 20 acres and will consist of a projected enrollment of 650 kindergarten-sixth grade students, with classrooms, multi-purpose room, library, office, other auxiliary buildings, hardcourt and playfields. Based on the conclusion of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, additional assessment is required to evaluate residual pesticide impacts around the perimeter of the residential buildings.

Community members are encouraged to read the Draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment at the Vacaville Unified School District Central Office, 751 School Street, Vacaville, CA 95688. Interested parties may review a copy of the PEA at the Central Office, Facilities Department, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A public hearing to obtain public comments will be held during the regular meeting of the Vacaville Unified School District Governing Board on Thursday, July 15, 2005, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA 95688.

If you wish to comment on the PEA in writing, comments must be submitted to Ms. Leigh Coop at 751 School Street, Vacaville, California, CA 95688. Your comments may also be sent by FAX: (707) 453-7132 or by email at [leighc@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:leighc@vacavilleusd.org). All comments regarding the PEA must be received by 5:00 pm on July 14, 2005. If you have questions, please call Leigh Coop at (707) 453-6138.

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Facilities@vacavilleusd.org

(FAX)7074537132

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# The Reporter

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
COMMENT PERIOD  
JUNE 13-JULY 14, 2005  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
JULY 14, 2005  
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Public can give input on new school plans

By Julie Kay/Staff Writer  
**TheReporter.Com**

"New School No. 2" may not yet have any students, infrastructure, or a very dignified name. In fact, it might never even get built.

The Vacaville Unified School District wants the public's input on it anyhow. A hearing on the school's draft environmental impact report will be held during Thursday's board meeting.

The school, to be positioned north of Vaca Valley Parkway, would be built years in the future.

Administrators started planning New School No. 2 in the late 1990s based on long-range plans from the city, said VUSD facilities director Leigh Coop. Those plans include future development in the Reynolds Ranch Area near the northwest corner of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry Lane.

"We knew the city's plans for growth. So the question was, 'Where are we going to need new schools?' " said Coop.

The district estimates future growth in and around Reynolds Ranch will bring about 574 new homes and 121 new K-6 students to the area. An additional 75 students are expected to come from the recently built Laurelwood and Villagio developments.

Browns Valley Elementary, the closest school to Reynolds Ranch, is already near its 935-student capacity, with 905 students enrolled.

Building New School No. 2 would accommodate projected future students and decrease student population at Browns Valley. It would also be closer to the homes of about 300 rural students at Browns Valley, shortening their commute.

The biggest reason of all for moving forward with plans for the school, though, is that it makes financial sense, said Coop. The price of the land in question almost certainly will continue to rise, making it increasingly difficult to purchase as time goes on.

If, for some reason, the projections of new students do not pan out, the district can always sell or lease the property, said Coop.

So, in spring of 2003 the district began the process of acquiring 20 acres in the Reynolds Ranch area. It is currently in escrow.

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"We're getting offers already at higher prices than what we paid," noted Coop.

Only 11 of the 20 acres are planned for the New School No. 2 campus. The remaining 9 acres would be used for as many as 23 residential lots, and the sale of them would partly finance the school, said Coop. The remaining funding for the \$15 million project would come from developer fees and money from the state.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### The Draft Removal Action Workplan For The New Elementary School Is Available For Review Vacaville, California



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 4, 2006 through November 2, 2006

#### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) plans to build a new elementary school, known as Site 2C/2D (Site) located at the intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry, Vacaville, California. The proposed new school will consist of a 50,000 square foot building including 24 classrooms, 2 assessment rooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen, and staff offices. The school is planned to house up to approximately 650 students.

The Site consists of two adjacent parcels (2C/2D) totaling 20.58 acres. Site 2C has been rural residential land since 1974. Approximately three-quarters of the 2C property are planted with walnut trees. Site 2D has been rural residential property since 1971. Approximately one-half of the 2D property was planted with walnut trees until 1989. The structures on the Site include residences, storage sheds, and a man-made fish pond.

On behalf of VUSD, Padre Associates, Inc has prepared a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) that describes the investigation, contamination found, and the proposed activities for cleanup of the site, to be completed prior to school construction.

The Draft RAW proposes removal and off-site disposal of approximately 530 cubic yards (30-35 truckloads) of soil containing pesticides, including chlordane, DDD (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane), DDE (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene), DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane), dieldrin, and heptachlor epoxide at the proposed Site.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

DTSC evaluated any possible impacts of the Removal Action for this project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that this removal action will not have significant impacts on the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents. The Draft NOE is available for review at the Information Repositories listed below.

#### WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or email: [Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on November 2, 2006. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and NOE are available for review in the Information Repositories located at Vacaville Unified School District, Attn: John Aycock, Superintendent, 751 School Street, Vacaville, CA 95688, or Vacaville Library – Town Square, 1 Town Square, Vacaville, CA 95688, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. You can also review the draft RAW on the DTSC website at: [http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=48010003](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=48010003)

#### CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Kamili Siglowide, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-6527 or by e-mail to [Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Ksiglowi@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to [Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media

should contact Ms. Carol Singleton, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by email to [Csingleton@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Csingleton@dtsc.ca.gov).

## **APPENDIX B**

# **DTSC Community Survey**

August 8, 2006

**Re: THE NEW PROPOSED SCHOOL, VACAVILLE SITE  
SEEKING YOUR RESPONSE ON THE COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Dear Community Member,

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the cleanup project for a new school site, located at the northwest intersection of Browns Valley Road and McMurtry Lane, Vacaville, California and to assist the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in assessing community interest. The Vacaville Unified School District plans to construct either K-6 or K-8 school, which is referenced as 2C/2D. DTSC is currently providing oversight on soil investigations at the site, which are being conducted by Padre Associates Environmental Consultants.

Your response to the brief survey that is enclosed will enable DTSC to determine the level of community interest in this project, conduct appropriate community outreach activities, and involve the community during clean-up activities.

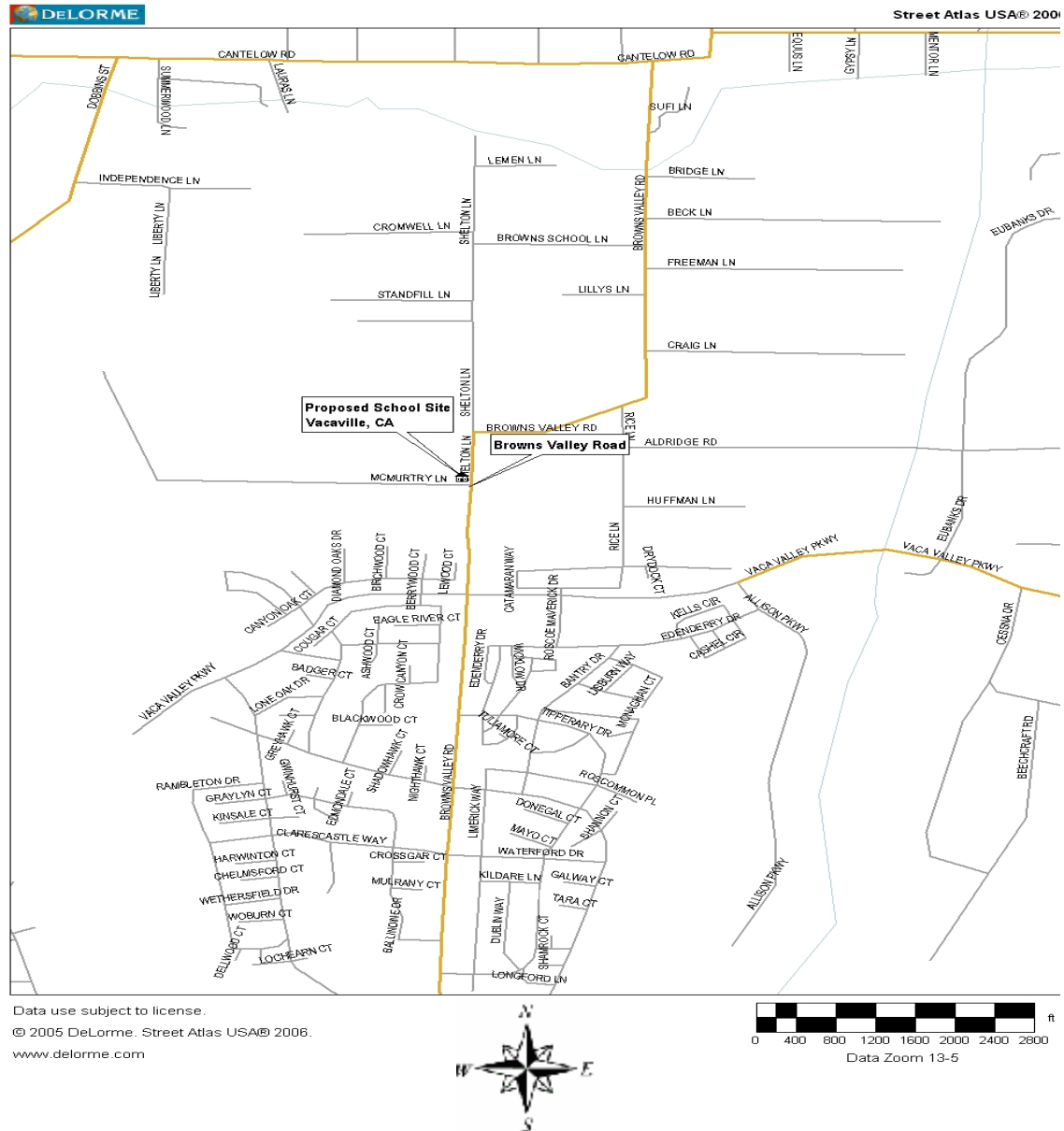
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During the soil investigation, elevated levels of organochlorine pesticides were detected. The Padre Associates Environmental Consultants submitted a draft workplan to DTSC for review and approval. Prior to DTSC's approval of the proposed cleanup activities, you will receive a fact sheet that provides a summary of the proposed cleanup activities, and an announcement of a 30-day public comment period. The 30-day public comment period will provide you an opportunity to review and submit comment(s) on the proposed activities.

Thank you in advance for filling out and returning the enclosed community survey. If you have any questions regarding the investigation at this site, please contact DTSC Project Manager, Kamili Siglowide(916) 255-6527 or DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Kim Rhodes at toll-free (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651.

*Si desea informacion en Espanol, comuniquese con Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participacion Publica al 1 (866) 495-5651.*

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Please return the community survey by **August 22, 2006**, to Kim Rhodes at the address listed at the end of the survey.

1. Please indicate your level of interest in this site.

☐ No interest      ☐ Some interest      ☐ Very interested

2. Please indicate your current knowledge about this site. Mark only one answer.

☐ No knowledge      ☐ I know some      ☐ I know a great deal

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please indicate how active your community is concerning this site. Please mark only one answer.

4.

☐ No one I know talks  
about this site      ☐ I have heard  
some talk      ☐ Everyone I know  
talks about it

5. Please indicate how often people meet informally to talk about this site in your neighborhood. Please mark only one answer.

☐ No one meets to talk  
about this site      ☐ There have been  
some meetings      ☐ There are meetings  
often

6. Do you attend public meetings on issues of interest to you? Please mark one answer.

☐ Never      ☐ 1-2 Times      ☐ 3-5 Times      ☐ More than 5 Times

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7. Are there any groups that have formed because of this site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- a) Are you a member of this group? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b) If you are willing to allow us to contact this group, please give us the contact

Information:

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- c) If you are not willing to provide contact information for this group, please ask the group call us at (916) 255-3651 or (866) 495-5651.
8. We want to tell you more about this project as work continues. Would you attend future public meetings about this site? Please mark only one answer.

☐ I would not attend  
meetings

☐ I will attend  
some meetings

☐ I will attend as many as  
possible

9. Please indicate whether you will read written material about this site. Please mark only one answer.

☐ I will not read anything

☐ I will read a  
little

☐ I will read everything

10. What is the best way to provide you with written information? Please number the following, 1 through 4, with 1 being the most important to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Written material and/or letters to your home

\_\_\_\_\_ Email messages

\_\_\_\_\_ Notices in the local newspaper

\_\_\_\_\_ Community meeting (which day and time is convenient for you? \_\_\_\_\_)

11. What language(s) are spoken in your home?

☐ English

☐ Spanish

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Russian

☐ Korean

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Are you aware of any media coverage for this site?

☐ No

☐ Yes

If yes, please name the newspaper(s), radio station(s) or television channel(s).

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13. We sometimes need to talk with community members to learn more. Would you be willing to talk with us? Please mark one answer.

☐ No

☐ Yes. If yes, please tell us how to contact you.

Name 

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Telephone number (      ) 

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Email address 

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Please list any additional comments or concerns you may have:

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We appreciate the time you have taken to fill out this survey for us. If you have questions or concerns regarding this site, please contact us. We want to hear from you.

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If you received this survey by hand-delivery instead of in the mail, please give us your name and address if you would like to receive more information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, zip code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Si desea informacion en Espanol, comuniquese con Jesus Cruz, Especialista en Participacion Publica al 1 (866) 495-5651.*

## **APPENDIX C**

# **DTSC Community Survey Results**



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### Vacaville Unified School District Browns Valley Road and McMurty Road Vacaville, California

#### COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

**326** surveys mailed out  
**10** responses received  
**3%** return rate

The Vacaville Unified School District community survey was mailed on August 8, 2006, and the responses were due back by August 22, 2006, to Ms. Kim Rhodes at the address listed at the end of the survey.

The following totals are based on the 10 responses received from the surrounding community. Each total indicates the number of residence response.

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1. Please indicate your level of interest in this site.

<input type="checkbox"/> No interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Some interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Very interested
(2)	(4)	(4)

2. Please indicate your current knowledge about this site. Mark only one answer.

<input type="checkbox"/> No knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> I know	<input type="checkbox"/> I know a great
(5)	some (4)	deal (1)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please indicate how active your community is concerning this site. Please mark only one answer.

☐ No one I know talks about this site **(5)**      ☐ I have heard some talk **(5)**      ☐ Everyone I know talks about it

4. Please indicate how often people meet informally to talk about this site in your neighborhood. Please mark only one answer.

☐ No one meets to talk about this site **(8)**      ☐ There have been some meetings **(1)**      ☐ There are meetings often

5. Do you attend public meetings on issues of interest to you? Please mark one answer.

☐ Never **(3)**      ☐ 1-2 Times **(5)**      ☐ 3-5 Times      ☐ More than 5 Times **(2)**

6. Are there any groups that have formed because of this site?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No **(8)**

a) Are you a member of this group?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

b) If you are willing to allow us to contact this group, please give us the contact information:

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c) If you are not willing to provide contact information for this group, please ask the group to call us at (916) 255-3651 or (866) 495-5651.

7. We want to tell you more about this project as work continues. Would you attend future public meetings about this site? Please mark only one answer.

☐ I would not attend meetings **(5)**      ☐ I will attend some meetings **(3)**      ☐ I will attend as many as possible **(2)**

8. Please indicate whether you will read written material about this site. Please mark only one answer.

☐ I will not read anything      ☐ I will read a little **(3)**      ☐ I will read everything **(7)**

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9. What is the best way to provide you with written information? Please number the following, 1 through 4, with 1 being the most important to you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Written material and/or letters to your home **(6)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email messages **(3)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Notices in the local newspaper  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community meeting (which day and time is convenient for you? \_\_\_\_\_)

10. What language(s) are spoken in your home?

- ☐ English **(10)**  
☐ Spanish  
☐ Vietnamese  
☐ Russian  
☐ Korean  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you aware of any media coverage for this site?

- ☐ No **(10)**  
☐ Yes

If yes, please name the newspaper(s), radio station(s) or television channel(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. We sometimes need to talk with community members to learn more. Would you be willing to talk with us? Please mark one answer.

- ☐ No **(6)**  
☐ Yes. If yes, please tell us how to contact you. **(4)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any additional comments or concerns you may have:

We just closed a couple of elementary schools in Vacaville. It seems a greater need for  
a middle school and high school in this area. I would appreciate you all considering a  
new high school or middle school. From past experience public meetings are a waste  
since public voices are rarely considered.

We would love to K-8 school and I can't think of one person I know that would love to  
see a K-8 school built there.

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I live near the site and are very interested in the Toxic Substance that was found. Is the  
Toxic Substances confined to the site? If not, do you know how far it has traveled?  
Have test wells been drilled?

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